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## GREGG ANNOUNCES \$350,000 TO GRAFTON COUNTY PROGRAM TO PREVENT AND REDUCE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded a \$349,798 federal grant to the Interagency Initiative on Collaborations to Address Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment, or the "Green Book Initiative", in Grafton County, a program designed to foster partnerships between providers of care to victims of domestic violence, child protection agencies and care givers, and the Grafton County Court in order to prevent and lower instances of domestic violence. The initiative, in its third year, seeks to promote the short and long-term safety of victims of domestic violence and child abuse through the sharing of information among interested parties and increasing the knowledge and response capabilities of the Court to address domestic violence. Senator Gregg is the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the Department of Justice.

Senator Gregg stated, "The Green Book Initiative is proof that when interested organizations work together, they can accomplish a great deal more together than alone. When law enforcement officials and the judicial system work in conjunction with victims rights organizations, each party is able to better meet the needs of those they are serving. The Green Book Initiative is providing both an effective prosecution of abusers and the much needed assistance to women and children who are victims of these terrible acts."

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